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- 1. In early September 1952 the Construction Corps of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, was stationed in trenches at the foot of a hill at TC=273569, in the vicinity of Sinjon-ni (125-36, 38-26) (YC-2757). With a strength of about 700 men, the unit had been assigned the task of constructing six bridges over a river between points YC-273603, near Sinjon-ni, and YC-186552, near Sinchton (IZ5-30, 38-25) (YC-1855). By late August wooden bridges 10 meters wide had been completed at YC-185551 and YC-242562, and a third bridge was under construction at YC-255586. A road between YC-185550 and YC-245565 had also been completed.
- The Construction Corps was organized in April 1952 after the disbanding of a combat police unit which had been formed under the North Korean Ministry of Internal Affairs in early 1951 for the purpose of eliminating South Korean guarrillas and intelligence agents operating in Hwanghae Province. In April military personnel of the disbanded police unit were assigned to the North Korean IV Corps, and the remaining personnel of the unit, consisting of non-military, aged, and non-Communist members, were organized into the Construction Corps. About 200 engineering personnel who had been discharged from the North Korean army were also assigned to
- 3. The corps consisted of a battalion commander, political, rear service, and technical deputy commanders, a Labor Party committee, a Democratic Youth Committee, a propaganda director, and a security officer. included three companies and one transportation company. Battalion headquarters, the political section, the rear service section, the training company, and warehouses were at Sinjon-ni. The unit was equipped with 25 submachine guns, 193 rifles, 19 pistols, 7 Soviet-made trucks, and a supply of timber, tools, and explosives. Daily rations for the unit consisted of 600 grams of rice, 200 grams of other grain, and vegetables.

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